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OH CONSISTENCY.

"As long as we have the 'sugar-tit' we are all right, but take it away from us and li ten to our howling." Hear the syren-voiced Easley Progress as it emits one of its periodical eruptions:

"After an agreement with the clerk of the Board of County Commissioners that The Progress would publish all the county advertising at the same rate it did last year, after three months had elapsed we were notified by the supervisor that for the sake of economy, retrenchment and reform this contract could not stand. The commissioner then without advertising sent Supervisor E. F. Looper to Atlanta to purchase twelve mules for the county, which he proceeded to do at a cost to the county, if we have been rightly informed, of over \$3,700. A short advertisement inserted in the Progress for a couple of weeks, we believe, would have been the means of saving the county in this one instance enough to have paid for several years' advertising, with no reflection whatever upon the quality of the mules. This is one species of economy."

For the information of the Easley Progress, we will state that the clerk of the board is not qualified to make contracts—he can draw them up for, and at the request of the commissioners, that is all. He is not a commissioner neither is he elected by the people to transact the business of the county.

As for "economy, retrenchment and reform," The statute books prescribe when, where and how, all legal advertising shall be done and paid for, and it gives to the paper that is published at the county seat the privilege of doing this advertising, and the construction of the law is not that paper that is away from the county seat and that is purely a local paper and printed solely in the interest of the town in which it is located, has any right to ask for or solicit any of the legal advertising. On the other hand, if Mr. Looper sees that by giving his advertising to the Sentinel-Journal, which circulates all over this and into neighboring counties, and pays the legal rate for the same, and by so doing he can save \$100, he is to be commended. Last year the advertising was let out by contract for \$200, divided between this paper and the Progress, and we got our money every quarter, whether we had done any advertising, or not. Mr. Looper opposes any such arrangement and proposes paying for only what he gets in the way of advertising and only that, and nothing more. He is to be commended for this, and we say this, even though he give the Progress all of the printing.

As to the trip to Atlanta after mules for the county: There were a lot of mules needed and they were needed right now. Where else would he have procured such mules he did, except in a stock market? Granting that there are such mules in Pickens county, it would have taken a devil of a time and a terrible long price to have gotten them. They are in the hands of the farmers, who bought them for their qualities, and it being the season of the year it is, love nor money could not have gotten them out of the hands of their owners.

Honestly, we do not believe that there are any such mules as this lot to be found in this county—they are not in other counties, for we see by our exchanges where the supervisors of other counties have been to Atlan-

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ta to buy mules and the supervisor of Spartaburg county bought 18 at the same time Mr. Looper purchased.

No, Mr. Martin, "a short ad in the Easley Progress for a couple of weeks" would have been very barren of the results Mr. Looper would have had it produce, your opinion to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Mr. Looper, we understand that you will have to have some more mules and we suggest that you send and get this paragon of wit, wisdom, high finance, business sagacity and acumen to make the trade for you. He can save the county lots of dollars and be the means of you getting lots of "cussings." Try him once, for we know he must be a good mule trader.

Really, in all seriousness, Mr. Martin you have done the supervisor great injustice. Your trade with him was to do whatever advertising was to be done for this office and charge the legal rate for the same. You know you told Mr. Looper when he proposed this plan, that it suited you better than the contract.

You know that the legislature appropriated \$5,000 to be spent for mules and scrapes to fix the roads; you know no such mules as were bought are owned, much less for sale in this county; You know that if Mr. Looper had failed to have bought mules you would have roasted him for not doing it; you know further, that these mules were bought as cheaply as they could be gotten hold of (and if you don't know this, ask your relative, Col. W. A. Neal, who used all of his influence and persuasive powers to get the price down as did also Mr. Rne, a stock dealer of Columbia); you may not know it, but since those mules have been in Pickens county, a stock dealer of the county has offered to buy the lot at an advance of \$150 over the cost of them; you know that former commissioners paid \$200 for old mules, and they didn't advertise for them either, and you know you never said a word against the trades; you know of damages being paid to parties that were exorbitant, but you never said a word in your paper about the board that allowed these claims, you know of a road in your township being let, the cost of which was over \$800 for a few hundred yards of work—\$100 could have fixed it or the chain gang could have built it for less. There were instances in former administrations that needed writing about worse than this deal of Mr. Looper's but you did not say anything about it, although you were on the investigating committee, and a member of the grand jury and had a chance to find out these things; you know that the grand jury recommended an addition to the court house and you know that Mr. Looper is now preparing to carry out that recommendation. What are going to say about that? Will you fight him because he does? Well wouldn't you have fought him if he hadn't?

Take these remarks in the kindly spirit they are given, turn over a new leaf and be a booster in the place of a knocker. There is a heap more pleasure, satisfaction, money and friends in this policy.

Some Are Born Great, While Others—

The Easley Progress of the 17th ult., among other very uncalled for and impertinent remarks, gets off what the versatile (?) editor of that paper considers a very "smart" remark in the following notice:

"From the dust and trash that went through Easley last Saturday,

coming from the direction of Pickens, they must have an automobile street cleaner in operation up there."

Considering the caliber of the "big gun" that is behind the Easley Progress, and we are basing our remarks on the size of the "bore," we didn't think it shot such a small "ball," but appearances are deceitful.

This thing, in place of appearing to be "smart," and the penner of these lines being facetious, the thing has had the opposite effect.

There are times when such things can be condoned and, by some, would be considered really funny, but in this instance, friend Martin, as in a good many instances when you tried to get gay, you have rubbed the fur the wrong way. We hope you did not do so intentionally, but we can see no excuse for you doing so at all.

Remember, Mr. Martin, you live in a mill town—a mill on each side of your office, and talk of another mill in the near future for Easley, a project we devoutly hope will succeed—and you had a lot of people, transients, with you while these structures were under way, men who were laboring there as brick masons, carpenters and machinists, all of whom generally went away from Easley on Saturday evenings to spend the Sabbath with their families or friends in other towns, and it would have been bad grace for this paper, or any of the citizens of this town to speak of "the dust and trash" around the depot in Easley on Saturday afternoons. Now, honest, don't you think so? "Do unto others as you wish to be done by."

You may have an aversion to people who labor in the various capacities around cotton mills, but do not air your personal dislikes through the columns of a newspaper. It really hurts you more than it hurts those whom you are slurring. We might think that physicians were humbugs, that religion was a farce, and even that life was a mockery, but we have too much sense to proclaim our isms, dogmas and beliefs from the housetops. Let those who get enjoyment, satisfaction, help, relief and strength from these beliefs continue, uninterrupted, in the blessings of their teachings.

There are numerous ways of laboring for our daily bread, and cotton mill work is one of the many, and as good people as there are anywhere follow some part of the mill work for a livelihood, and many of them have to go from place to place, as they are sent by their superiors, and when the machinery is all put in and the mill started to running their work ceases and they are then sent to some other town. Our town, at present, is full of such mechanics, and they are coming and going at all times, and for th Easley Progress to speak of "dust and trash" at this time looks, to these people, at least, as a direct slap at them, as, unfortunately, they are nomads for the money.

We venture the assertion that the bigger part of the income of that paper is from mill interests, directly and indirectly, and the editor slaps good and hard to show them how highly he appreciates their support.

Lay on, Macduff, it does the common people good to pound them, and gives you something to write about.

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" " " " No. 1 60c

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